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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Will the Circle be Unbroken?

By Evangelist Kenneth Chapman
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"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14:1-3.

"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There" is a very popular song in many, many churches. If you have been saved through faith in the Lord Jesus, you will be there. Will the whole family be there? That is the question I want you to think about with me now.

Heaven is a glorious fact. The Indians referred to it as the "Happy Hunting Ground." The Egyptians had a heaven they called Yaru. Three thousand years before Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, they wrote inscriptions on the walls of the pyramids, addressed to the ferryman who was supposed to ferry the dead across the river to that happy land.

Heaven is the sweet, eternal home of the saints, the longing of every human heart. The fact of a glorious, happy, sinless, sickless, worryless, deathless Heaven is a mighty promise that God has given to all who would become His children. In considering Heaven, let us think first of all of its inhabitants.

Heaven's Inhabitants

I surely do want to know who my eternal companions are going to be. I want to know who I will see there. The only record which can speak to me with absolute, unshaken, unmistakable authority is the Word of God, the Holy Bible. I scan its pages for information as to who will be in Heaven. I am abundantly rewarded, for it tells me in no uncertain terms who will be in Heaven.

I find that God is and will be there. When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He taught them to say: "Our Father which art in heaven" (Luke 11:2).

Isaiah informs me that the Father will be there eternally. "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place" (Isa. 57:15).

The Lord Jesus will be there. The disciples watched Him go one day and received a message from the angels that Jesus had actually gone to Heaven. "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked sted-

fastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said,

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"If We Neglect"

By the late James H. McConkey

"How shall we escape IF WE NEGLECT so great salvation?"—Heb. 2:3.

One winter day a carcass was floating down the Niagara River upon a cake of ice. An eagle soaring above the river spied it and dropped down upon it. He sat there leisurely devouring his easy prey. The swift current began bearing him rapidly downward to the fall. But was he not safe? Could he not leap in a moment into mid-air from his dangerous post? Could he not stretch his great pinions and float off into safety at the very brink of the awful cataract? Had he not done that a thousand times before in his bird experience? So he floated on. But by and by came the thundering roar of the great cataract. The cloud of white mist that marked the fatal brink of the fall was towering almost above him. It was time to leave. So he stretched out his great wings for flight. But he could not rise. Unnoted by him his talons, sunken in the ice, and the flesh of his prey, had frozen hard and fast in the bitter winter day, and his fate was sealed. He flapped his great wings. He struggled with all the power of muscle and sinew. But all in vain. In a few moments he was swept over into the abyss to his death. He had delayed too long.

Suppose you are on top of a burning building. The flames have cut off every avenue of descent. A ladder is hastily run up by the firemen. It is your last and only hope of rescue from an awful death. How will you escape—if you neglect it? Suppose you have fallen overboard from a ship in a raging tempest. A rope is snatched and quickly thrown by a near-by friend. It falls within easy reach of your despairing clutch. It is your only hope of salvation. How will you escape—if you neglect? Suppose you rise at midnight sore athirst. You seize a near-by goblet and drink. But confused from sleep you make a mistake and swallow a deadly poison. A friendly hand swiftly puts to your lip a sure antidote. It is your only hope. It must be taken quickly, for every second means life or death. How will you escape—if you neglect?

So is it with the salvation of your immortal soul. It is in instant and unceasing jeopardy of eternal death. God offers His Son Jesus Christ as your escape. It is a great salvation wrought out from the great heart of God Himself with tears, love, and agony unspeakable. It is your ladder in the burning building; it is the rope in an awful storm; it is the antidote to the deadly poison of sin. How will you escape—if you neglect? Let us note some of the perils of this neglect. First—

FORWARD!

Forward then, with Jesus sharing
In the warfare here below!
Forward! in His name unfearing,
Boldly meeting every foe

Count it never a disaster,
When the shame for Him you
bear,
But rejoice that such a Master,
Gives you in His Cross a share.

Unto sin be daily dying,
That His life may through thee
shine;
Find thy strength in lowly lying
At the pierced feet divine.

Soon the earthly conflict over,
Christ will come to claim His
own;
Oh, the grace—the grace, my
brother!
If He then shall say, "Well
done!"

THE BIBLE True

(Address Delivered at Ryman Auditorium, Nashville, Tennessee
January 24, 1924.)

I desire to present to you the greatest issue in the world. I am interested in the political issues, have been from my youth, but I have never discussed in politics any issue that approaches the issue I now present. I have been interested in international affairs for a quarter of a century, but no international gathering has ever had before it an issue so great as this question, Is the Bible true?

Do you know how much depends upon it? The Bible is either true or false; it is either the Word of God or the work of man, one or the other. If the Bible is the work of man, then it is not the Word of God; and if the Bible is just the work of man, it is the greatest impostor this world has ever known. From its first page to its last, the Bible claims to be the revealed will of God; if it can be convicted of being a lie, it not only must come down from its high place to the level of man-made books, but it will sink lower than that. If it can be convicted of being an impostor, it never can survive the odium which that conviction will place upon it. But if it is true, then there is no other book to be mentioned in comparison with it. If it is true, then no guesses of any man can be substituted for the Word of God.

Is it true or false? What does the issue mean? The Bible contains the conception of God that is held by the Christian world; if the Bible is not true, the Christian world has no conception of God. The Bible gives us our own knowledge of Christ; if the Bible is not true, there is no Christ in the sense in which the Bible reveals Him to us. The Bible is the only infallible guide we have, the only one; if that infallible guide is taken away, we have no guide. If the parent cannot give the Bible to his child and say to the child, "It is true; you can trust it, you cannot be led astray if you will take it as a guide"—if the parent cannot say that to his child about the Bible, what can he say? Then he has no guide. That is the issue.



William Jennings Bryan

Could there be any issue greater than that?

The Bible gives you the Christian's conception of God, the conception of God that rules the world today. Take away from the world the Christian's conception of God, and you leave man to search after God; but, can man, by searching, find God? The best evidence that you need divine truth and revelation to disclose God is that more than half the scientists of this country, according to Prof. Leuba, of Bryn Mawr, who deal with nature do not believe in a personal God, or a personal immortality; that is the best evidence I can give you that unless you have the Bible to reveal God, you are not sure to find Him. Not only, my friends, is it impossible for one to find God by searching blindly for Him, but it is harder for an educated man now to find God without the Bible than it was for the Indian to do it. I have been told that

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Prayer for an Office

What a frail, poor company we are, dear Lord! How weak we are to be serving Thee!
Things go wrong with our heads,
Things go wrong with our hearts,
And things go wrong with our bodies.
Take our heads, O Lord, and use them. Clear them of their biases, their mistaken ideas, their poor judgment. Give us Thy wisdom for our heads.
Take our hearts, O Lord—they need Thee most of all. We forget to love others, we fail to love Thee—the issues of our hearts are not the clean and shining life issues Thou canst give. Give us Thy love for our hearts.
Take our bodies, O Lord. They are so weak, so full of aches and pains. This frail encasing of our endeavor must serve Thee, too, so make them well and use them for Thee. Give us Thy strength for our bodies.

—Grace Rice MacMullen.
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Rev. Kenneth Chapman



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A MODERNIST'S DECEITFUL WORDS

By the Editor

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privately shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."—II Pet. 2:1-3.

The Scripture teaches that false teachers who will bring in damnable heresies, denying the Lord Jesus who bought them, will through covetousness use FEIGNED WORDS, that is, deceitful words. Modernists are deceivers. You cannot depend upon the word of any man who claims to be a Christian but does not believe the Bible. If a man were honest he would not claim to be a Christian if he did not believe the historic Christian position. According to the explicit prophecy of the Word of God, those who turn their backs on the Book and the blood will, in order to still be reckoned gospel preachers and receive the respect and support of gospel preachers, use feigned, deceitful words.

The same thing is taught in I Timothy 4:1 and 2:

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron."

Those who depart from the faith will speak lies in hypocrisy, says the Word of God.

Let every Christian beware, then, and do not take at face value the statement of any man who does not believe the Bible but who claims to be a Christian.

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick an Example

I have just had a recent example brought to my attention in this matter. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, May 17, 1949, wrote to Mr. Charles E. Neal, then a student in Wake Forest College at Wake Forest, North Carolina, and Brother Neal now sends a copy of the letter to me. It is as follows:

"Mr. Charles E. Neal

"Box 692

"Wake Forest, N. C.

"Dear Mr. Neal:

"I have read your letter with friendly sympathy. My heart goes warmly out to you as you undertake your ministry, and I hope that you may take time to get a thorough preparation in some good theological seminary, and prepare yourself for real leadership in this coming generation. Never did a generation need Christian leadership more.

"I judge from your letter that your background is what is ordinarily called fundamentalist. For example, you apparently identify belief in the divinity of our Lord with belief in His virgin birth. I am sure you are mistaken about that. I believe profoundly in the divinity of Jesus. That doctrine was established by Paul and John primarily, so far as the New Testament is concerned, and neither of them mentioned the virgin birth. There are reasons for serious debate about the virgin birth, and one may hold it or not hold it, and still believe with equal strength in our Lord's divine nature."

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theological matter, and belief one way or another about it never yet made a man a better disciple of our Lord. The inspiration of the Bible is in its spiritual quality. It brings us the eternal gospel of God, who came to us in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. That I believe with all my heart!

I am asking my secretary to send you a list of my books. Nobody need be in the least doubt as to what I think about all sorts of questions in the realms of theology, and of religion in general. I certainly have written enough. I am sure that in the library at Wake Forest you are likely to find a copy of my book on a *Guide to Understanding the Bible*, and of my book of *The Modern Use of the Bible*. These may be of help to you in getting at what I, along with all the Christian ministers with whom I am personally acquainted, think about such matters as are troubling you. My advice to you, however, as I, a man 71 years old, speak to a youth, is not to let your conceptions of Christ and of the eternal gospel which He brought to the world, be clouded over by such comparatively unimportant particulars as are causing you anxiety now.

"Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Harry Emerson Fosdick"

In the above letter I want to show you some of the "feigned words," of which the Bible warns us, the "speaking lies in hypocrisy" which the Bible says false teachers and those who depart from the faith, will be guilty of.

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and in the New Testament. He is on record in this matter so clearly that we will let Dr. Fosdick prove that he himself is a deceiver. In Dr. Fosdick's book, *The Hope of the World*, on page 103, in his sermon, "The Peril of Worshipping Jesus," Dr. Fosdick says:

"I can imagine some one saying, But, then, do you not believe in the divinity of Jesus? To which I answer that I believe in the divinity of Jesus with all my faculties if we can come to an understanding about what we mean by *divinity* . . . Divinity is not something supernatural that ever and again invades the natural order in a crashing miracle. . . . Divinity is love."

Again, on pages 103-104 he says, "Of course the divinity of Jesus differs from ours in degree but not in kind. . . . To say therefore that God was in Christ seems to me no theological puzzle at all. I think God was in my mother, the source of the loveliness that blessed us there! And I rise up from that with a profound sense of the reality of what I am doing when I profess my faith that God was in Christ."

You see, Dr. Fosdick simply means love when he says divinity. He says expressly, "That is divinity—love" (page 103). Jesus was divine exactly like Fosdick's mother was divine, he says, and that Jesus is different from other men only in degree. All men are divine, Jesus a little more divine than some of us, he thinks.

That we cannot misunderstand him, Dr. Fosdick on page 104 of this same book, *The Hope of the World*, expressly says he does not believe that statement of the deity of Christ which all true Bible believers believe. He says, "Listen to this about Jesus of Nazareth: The second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did . . . take upon Him man's nature, so that 'two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion.' He does not believe that Jesus is very God, one with the Father. In fact, the whole sermon is saying that it is perilous and is sinful to worship Jesus. He says that Jesus would not 'enjoy being prayed to, sung to, talked about in exalted, theological terms, and enshrined on the high altars of the church'" (p. 98).

And this man who believes that Jesus is not very God, and who says plainly in print that he uses the term *divinity* only as being a synonym for *love*, and that Jesus is not divine in any sense in which others are not divine in some degree—that man hypocritically writes a young preacher, a student, and tells him, "I believe profoundly in the divinity of Jesus." He has taken the word *divinity* and made it to mean anything else but divine. He has intentionally and deliberately perverted the language to deceive.

Dr. Fosdick indicates that the accuracy and reliability of the Bible is lost because we do not have original manuscripts of the Bible. He says, "What possible good would verbal inspiration do in the originals when the originals have been lost to us?"

Now if Dr. Fosdick knows that there are hundreds of manuscripts of the Bible available, copies of originals carefully handed down, that these copies are so many, and so nearly alike, that not a single doctrine of the Bible is in question, and that not over one word in ten thousand in the New Testament is even questionable, then his statement is wholly insincere. Suppose we concede that Dr. Fosdick may not know of the studies of Gauß, famous Swiss theologian whose book has been a standard authority on the inspiration of the Bible many years, his *Theopneustia* or *The Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures* now published in this country by Moody Bible Institute and is a classic. Suppose he does not know the facts brought out by the studies of Warfield of Princeton University, or of Machen, or Wilson. Suppose he is unfamiliar with the studies of Dr. B. H. Carroll or even the notes in the *Scofield Reference Bible*. Suppose he does not know as much as I know, and as all reputable conservative scholars over Amer-

The Gospel at a Glance

By Charles L. Ramsay

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ica know. In that case he may be sincere in saying such a thing but he proves himself wholly unscrupulously, unreliable and untrustworthy. If we concede that the original manuscripts are verbally inspired, as they have clearly claimed to be again and again and as Jesus said they were, then, when we know how carefully the Word has been translated and preserved and verified in hundreds of documents, as attested by the best Bible scholarship of the age—then we know that we have a reliable Bible, infallible in every matter of doctrine, with no chance of the original meaning being lost in any important matter, by a gloss or by the error of any translator or copyist. Now either Dr. Fosdick does not know the facts in this case, and when he speaks on the matter of inspiration he speaks as an ignoramus, or he was deliberately trying to deceive this young preacher, this college student who believed in the inspiration of the Bible. Which do you think is true?

2. Dr. Fosdick claims to believe and preach Christ and "the eternal gospel" which He brought to the world." He says, "My advice to you, however, as I, a man 71 years old, speak to a youth, is not to let your conceptions of Christ and of the eternal gospel which He brought to the world, be clouded over by such comparatively unimportant particulars as are causing you anxiety now."

But does Dr. Fosdick really believe in Christ and "the eternal gospel" which Christ brought to the world? Does he believe in this gospel as it is revealed in the writings of Paul, to whom he himself refers in the second paragraph of his letter? No, he does not! On page 138 of his book, *The Hope of the World*, Dr. Fosdick says, "Well, I am a modernist." On page 15 he says also, "I, for one, a modernist..." He declares it is a sin to worship Jesus, that Jesus is divine only in the sense in which Fosdick's mother is divine. He has plainly stated that Jesus is not God, although he would have this young college student believe that he believed in the divinity of Christ.

Well, what is the gospel, that same "eternal gospel" which Christ brought into the world, which Dr. Fosdick professes to believe and wants the young student to believe? Well, it is referred to in the language of the Lord Jesus Himself in Mark 16:15, 16: "And he said unto them, Go ye

into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

The gospel requires one to believe in Jesus Christ for salvation. Every one who does not personally trust in Him, in His atoning blood, "shall be damned," Jesus said.

What is this "eternal gospel" which Christ brought into the world? It is given by divine inspiration in the language of Paul, in I Corinthians 15:1-4:

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

Christ literally died for our sins, rose bodily from the grave. That, Paul says by divine inspiration, is the gospel that Paul preached, "by which also ye are saved," he says.

I say that for Dr. Fosdick to profess that he believes the gospel and wants young preachers to preach the gospel of Christ and says that that is "the eternal gospel that he brought into the world," when he never has preached anything of the kind; when he preaches against the deity of Christ, against worshipping Christ, against the virgin birth, against the bodily re-

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Editor's Notes

Please send all mail to the editor to the office at Wheaton, Illinois.

These notes are written at the Sword Conference on Evangelism and Soul Winning at Siloam Springs, Arkansas. I am in my room dictating while the conference program is going on. When 80,000 families sit down to the table we must have something cooked and ready for them!

I am glad for you to keep up with my schedule in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. But please address all personal mail directly to me at Wheaton, Illinois, and it will be forwarded to me air mail at once.

A Visit With Dr. A. J. Armstrong

Dr. A. J. Armstrong, professor of English, has been an institution, in Baylor University at Waco, for many years. Last week I drove in from the Latham Springs Encampment to see Baylor University, and called on Dr. Armstrong. He is in the new Browning building, the English building costing a million and a half dollars, built as a memorial to the great English poet, Robert Browning. Here will be collected the greatest single collection of authentic Browning mementoes obtainable, one of the greatest such collections in the world. Browning's desk, letters of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, pictures, manuscripts, articles of furniture, sculpture, etc. Dr. A. J. Armstrong has raised the money for it and has been the guiding genius in building this Browning shrine. The building, already in use, but unfinished, will become a sanctuary for all lovers of literature and arts, and particularly lovers of the Christian philosophy of the great poet.

Dr. Armstrong was hale and hearty and still sees visions as well as dreams. He showed me and Mrs. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Handford, Jr., through the building, told us of the labor, the plans, the frustrations and victories, of the work. Dr. Armstrong has toured Europe forty times. He has been the intimate of many great men. But as we talked of his friend, the late Dr. William Lyon Phelps, of Browning, Shakespeare, Tennyson and others, Dr. Armstrong said, "My hero of them all is D. L. Moody.

I only got to talk to him a dozen times, perhaps, but he has been the greatest single influence on my life."

Mrs. Rice and I were so glad to see our former teacher. I was graduated in 1920, she in 1921 and we had Browning together under Dr. Armstrong. We left him reluctantly; we wish we could be present at the great dedication of the building this fall.

As we talked about Browning, Moody and others, Dr. Armstrong said that he wanted the greatest preacher he could get to preach the greatest sermon of his life at the dedication of the building; he wants the "Hallelujah Chorus" sung and the greatest Christian hymn. And then with tears in his eyes he said, "Why could not the great revival we all pray for begin right here in Baylor University?" May God in His mercy grant it!

I went by to see the Crosslin House where I lived in an attic room for \$4.00 a month, without heat. The University has greatly expanded. God bless its rich ministry under the leadership of Dr. William R. White, president. From Baylor University have gone out more missionaries than from any school in the world and thousands of preachers. May God protect it from those plagues of the schools, unbelief and worldliness, and may God keep the fires there burning brightly for His Word and the preaching of His gospel.

The Latham Springs Conference on Revival and Soul Winning

Last week, August 5 to 10, we spent at the Latham Springs Baptist Encampment Ground near Aquilla, Texas. It was a refreshing time of blessing, a grand start for the first year. Already for next year good brethren in that area are planning with me on making a great retreat for pastors in connection with the conference on revival and soul winning. It was a joy to see Dr. Ed Hutchison, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mexia, Texas; Brother Hamrick, First Baptist Church, Teague; Brother M. O. Cheek, Baptist district missionary in that area, and many other old friends. Brother Cheek and Dr. Hutchison were with me in the Seminary and many other old schoolmates and friends attended the conference. Next year Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, plans to be with us and a strong program will be prepared for August 7 to 11, 1952, God willing. Brother Roth, manager of the Encampment Grounds, was wonderfully cooperative. It was a joy to be with him again. Once I had the privilege of holding a revival campaign for First Baptist Church in La Grange when he was pastor.

Dr. Jeff D. Ray Gone to Heaven

When I attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Dr. Jeff D. Ray was professor of Homiletics. He was a strong and colorful personality, a warm and moving preacher, selected by the late Dr. B. H. Carroll to teach in the Seminary. He recently went to

Watch for Special Sunday School Issue Next Week!

be with the Lord; I suppose he was about ninety years of age and his long life had connected the present generation with generations gone.

Dr. Jeff D. Ray once said that someone should write a pamphlet or book on Hell; that there needed to be some plain Bible teaching on the subject. I was glad to send him my pamphlet on Hell! What The Bible Says About It, a few years ago. I knew he would be interested. I wish he could see also the new volume we are getting out, a reprint of great sermons by the late Elbert Munsey, famous Methodist preacher, on Eternal Retribution.

Dr. Jeff D. Ray was the first prominent minister whom I ever knew to take a clear stand against secret orders. I remember when he told us in class in the Seminary that the lodge oaths were forbidden in the Bible, that a Christian was forbidden to yoke up with unbelievers, as is done in the lodges. In the Homiletics class one good brother said that Dr. George W. Truett had joined the Masonic Lodge. Dr. Ray replied that through long years of his ministry Dr. Truett did not join the Masonic Lodge but did so as a matter of expediency when he went to Europe during World War I, for the protection and for the entree which it furnished. Later I found that D. L. Moody, R. A. Torrey, Charles Blanchard, Charles G. Finney and many other great Christian leaders had come out boldly for a separated life and against a false plan of salvation, the unequal yoke, the blasphemous oaths and the false claims of the lodges. Thank God for Dr. Jeff D. Ray whom I first heard boldly take a stand on that question.

Dr. Ray ordered a number of copies of my book, *Lodges Examined by the Bible*, to give to others. And this is a reminder to me of how much I owe to others, for instance, the imprint of Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Seminary, who made an issue with preachers on the tobacco question and who kept the fires of soul winning burning in our hearts. God bless those who were true and who handed down to us a good example in standing against sin and for the Word of God and for God's plan in soul winning!

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surrection, against the infallible inspiration of the Bible—to profess, then, to be preaching "the eternal gospel which He [Christ] brought to the world," is wholly insincere. In the language of the Scripture he "speaks lies in hypocrisy; having his conscience seared with a hot iron." He "through covetousness uses feigned words."

It Is a Sin for Christians to Spread Such Tommyrot

Many Christian people who believe the Bible read the silly, un-scholarly, infidel books by Harry Emerson Fosdick. I am sorry to say that such books are sold in many bookstores by people who say they believe the Bible and who ought to know better. No bookstore and no publishing house can be trusted on the fundamentals of the faith which sells the books by Harry Emerson Fosdick and other like infidels. No preacher can be trusted to be reliable on holy and fundamental matters if he quotes from Fosdick favorably and endorses Fosdick's books.

On all such matters we ought to remember the plain commands

of the Word of God. In II John 9-11, is the following clear command: "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

One should not receive Harry Emerson Fosdick or his kind into his house. A Christian should not bid him God speed. He does not have the doctrine of Christ. He brings a different plan of salvation. He denies the inspiration of the Bible, denies the actual deity of Christ, he scoffs at the idea of worshipping Jesus. He uses feigned words to deceive the young and the unsuspecting, but he is the enemy of Bible Christianity and the enemy of the gospel. One who bids such "God speed" is partaker of his evil deeds. One who spreads his books and quotes him favorably sins against the Bible and the true gospel.

used the first 10,000 copies. The other 10,000 copies are yet to be bound, and we must pay for this binding in cash. We need also to reprint the fine book, *The Preacher and His Preaching* by Dr. W. B. Riley and *Bob Jones' Revival Sermons*. We have just printed a book of revival sermons by Evangelist Douglas Winn, and a book of strong sermons on the resurrection, judgment and Hell by the late Rev. William Elbert Munsey. We will need a good many thousands of dollars to pay for these heavy investments. Join us in prayer that we may sell books, that we may receive loans or bequests enough to expand this work as necessary.

And now before I close let me remind you; IF YOU RECEIVE THIS PAPER BY AUGUST 31 YOU CAN STILL SAVE MONEY BY ORDERING AT OUR AUGUST SALE PRICES. BUT YOUR LETTER MUST BE IN THE MAIL AND POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN MIDNIGHT, AUGUST 31. AFTER AUGUST 31 THE REGULAR PRICES PREVAIL.

Siloam Springs Conference on Revival and Soul Winning

We are now in the greatest conference on revival and soul winning at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, Baptist State Assembly Ground, which we have ever held here. People are attending from many states. There are great crowds. We are particularly impressed with the preachers, scores and scores of preachers who have come from many states to be revived in heart. God is doing a gracious work. We thank Him for meeting us here in power. Speakers include Rev. Bill Dowell of Springfield; Dr. E. J. Daniels of Orlando, Florida; Dr. Sam Morris of San Antonio, Texas; Dr. Joe Henry Hankins of Little Rock; Dr. Fred Jarvis, missionary returned from Japan; Evangelist Bill Rice and this editor. The singing is heavenly, the prayer meetings are soul-blessing. The preaching and teaching is pungent and powerful. The meals are good, fellowship and recreation pleasant. We will give further report perhaps next week.

After the closing meeting on Friday night, August 17, I will fly to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and there will be met by friends who will take me to the Central Manor Camp Meeting where I will be speaking for nine days along with Brethren Andrew Telford of Berachah Church, Philadelphia, and William Dean of the Philadelphia School of the Bible, etc. Then back to Hammond, Indiana, Labor Day at Danville, Illinois, with a Conservative Baptist group of brethren and then a few days at home before I go to the great Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, for one night, the opening of the fall term of the Bible School. After a few days at home again we go to Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and then to a revival campaign in Pensacola, Florida. Please pray for us.

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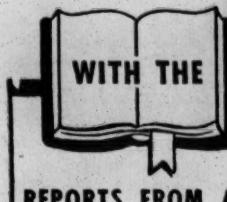
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We have ready for print three or four volumes. One is a book by Dr. Lee Roberson of Chattanooga. Another is a book of sermons by this editor. We need an investment of several thousands of dollars to put these books in print. Of the last printing of 20,000 copies of my book, *Prayer Asking and Receiving*, we have



Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

The First Baptist Church of Frankfort, Kentucky, recently experienced one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church, according to the report from the pastor, Rev. Fred T. Moffatt. The evangelist was Dr. Harry McCormick Lintz of Redlands, California. There was a total of 129 additions to the church; seventy-six for baptism; fifty-one by letter, and two by statement. Also hundreds came for rededication and others volunteered for full-time Christian service.

Evangelist Dan Vestal of Fort Worth writes on July 30 that he has just closed a revival with the Elmont Baptist Church in Grayson County of North Texas. There were thirty-six additions to the church, with twenty-five being baptized at the close of the meeting.

The Beulah Hill Baptist Church, Carthage, North Carolina, recently had Jimmie Shelton as their evangelist. During the eight-day campaign the evangelist reports there were thirty-two professions of faith, most of them being adults. Many Christians set out to be soul winners.

Rev. E. Butler Abington, Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana, announces that Evangelist Clifton W. Brannon of Longview, Texas, has just closed a very successful revival under his tent, sponsored by Trinity Baptist Church. During the two weeks' revival, 335 people walked the aisles. About one third of these were received into the church by the pastor. The pastor praises God for a great meeting.

Evangelist Douglas Winn was with the First Baptist Church, Wilson, Oklahoma July 15-July 25. Five came forward for salvation; there were 27 rededications, and 28 family altars started.

July 8-July 22 Evangelist Claude McDonald held a meeting at the Berreman Church of God, Mt. Carroll, Illinois. The evangelist reports 8 conversions and 8 rededications. He reports excellent attendance, the building being filled most every service. Rev. N. C. Anderson has been pastor of the church for three years, and he says this is the best meeting he has seen in this church.

Evangelist Kenneth Chapman was in the resort area of Roscommon, Michigan, July 8-July 22, with the Gerrish Baptist Church. There were six reported conversions and thirteen rededications.

Evangelist Eddie Wagner reports a recent series of meetings with the First Baptist Church, Monticello, Illinois, where Rev. J. C. Dove is pastor. Brother Wagner reports 30 conversions and over 120 other decisions by Christians. He reports the pastor was greatly blessed in his own heart, and baptized 20 converts the last Sunday of the campaign. Jim Stoutenborough's song leading was enjoyed by all. Rev. J. C. Dove conducts a daily radio program, assisted by his wife at the piano; she and her husband also sing duets. Eddie Wagner reports the blessing of God upon his meeting with the Tom Bean Baptist Church, Tom Bean, Texas, where Rev. Terrell Gordon is pastor. There were 25 conversions and 100 other decisions by Christians. The meetings were well attended and interest was good. Likewise, at the revival the song leading of Jim Stoutenborough added much to the spiritual blessing of the revival.

Evangelist Covell Keenum reports 16 conversions and 28 young people who have given themselves to answer the call to preach or go as missionaries, as the Lord shall

lead, during a recent week of Bible camp conducted by the Rev. Clarence Vassbinder of Port Huron, Michigan.

Evangelist J. H. Melton reports truly one of the great revivals of his ministry, held in the First Baptist Church, Stamps, Arkansas, where the Rev. Floyd Davis is pastor. There were 64 additions, 52 of them on profession of faith. The Sunday School attendance broke records on the two Sundays, running 340 and 365 respectively. The comments of the people were that this revival swept the community as none other ever had.

Evangelist Melton reports a meeting at Loyalty Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, of which Rev. M. Oliver Nelson is pastor. There were 27 additions, 21 on profession of faith.

Evangelist James Threlfall was privileged to minister at the Overlea Baptist Church tent campaign, Baltimore, Maryland, of which Rev. John Bisset is pastor. This is the first two weeks of a six-week meeting, and during Brother Threlfall's ministry, there were 19 who trusted Christ as Saviour. It was his joy to lead a school chum from Amory, Mississippi, to the Lord during these meetings. Brother Threlfall comments, "What a thrill it is to watch the Lord work!"

Evangelist Kenneth Chapman

ENGAGEMENTS

Sword Staff of Evangelists

Kenneth Chapman
Aug. 21-Sept. 2, Athens, Ala.; Sept. 9-23, Rev. L. E. Holzbach, Mill Swamp Baptist Church, Tucker Swamp Baptist Church, Ivor, Va.

G. Covell Keenum
Aug. 21-Sept. 2, Rev. Howard Sears, Grace Baptist Church, 2316 Wilbraham Road, Middletown, O.; Sept. 5-16, Rev. Tim LaHaye, R. 10, Minnetonka Union Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Claude McDonald, Jr.
Aug. 12-Sept. 2, Rev. Robert J. Worrall, 41 Oakland Ave., Warwick, N.Y.

James Threlfall
Aug. 12-26, Rev. Henry Hooge, Mennonite Brethren Church, Paxton, Nebr.; Sept. 2-16, Rev. T. S. Scott, First Baptist Church, Elizabeth at 6th St., Pekin, Ill.

J. Oscar Wells
Sept. 23-30, Rev. T. E. Weringo, Suck Springs Baptist Church, Route 1, Bedford, Va.

Douglas Winn
Aug. 21-Sept. 3, Rev. Sorensen, Christian Tabernacle, Box 942, Canton, O.; Sept. 4, Salem, Va.; Sept. 5, Graham, N.C.; Sept. 6-7, Hickory, N.C.

These men on the Sword Staff of Evangelists have been called of God to do the work of an evangelist, and are willing to go wherever God clearly leads, to help in a revival campaign. Each of these God-called men have ability, are deeply spiritual and are successful soul winners. Each one is a proven evangelist. All have pastoral experience.

Everyone of these men is sound in Bible doctrine, believing in the complete inspiration of the Word of God, in the virgin birth, bodily resurrection and essential deity of Christ. They believe in Heaven and Hell, in regeneration by repentance and faith in Christ. They exalt the atoning blood of Christ. They teach a separated life for Christians. They believe Christians may have an endowment of Holy Spirit power for soul winning. They are prayerful, loving, believing, compassionate men, carefully chosen to represent The Sword of the Lord as our official evangelists.

For dates with any of these men of the Sword Staff of Evangelists, write Rev. Ralph E. Mucher, Field Secretary, Sword Staff of Evangelists, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

reports that during a meeting in the Baptist church at Pleasant Plains, Arkansas, there were 43 additions to the church, 28 by baptism, Rev. James Watson, pastor.

Is The Bible True?

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they never found a tribe of Indians that did not believe in God; but what the Indians could find, some of our professors cannot find. The head of the Department of Biology at Dartmouth recently told a body of students, in my presence, that he did not pray; he said he did not believe in revealed religion.

But to come back to my question: Is the Bible true? We have a fight on our hands and I am on the defensive. I have been on the defensive all my life; but when I am defending a thing I do not wait for the enemy to come and attack; when I find there is to be an attack, I go over and do the fighting on the enemy's territory. The question, whether the Bible is true, is the issue, and I am going to do the fighting on the enemy's ground. I shall not wait until he takes off his mask and comes out into the open, I shall shell him in the woods and make him come out.

I want now to present the case strongly; I will present it as strongly as I can; if you know of anybody who goes further, I will take what that somebody else says, because nobody shall go beyond me. I will make this proposition, that the Bible has done more for the world than all the books that man ever wrote. Is that strong enough? If it were necessary to choose between the Bible all alone, and all the other books without the Bible—we do not have to make the choice, and we would not want to, but it shows relative values—I think it would be infinitely better to keep the Bible all by itself and build the world anew on it and let all the rest of the books go, than to keep all the rest of the books, and let the Bible go. That is strong, but I have something stronger.

I. Three Bible Verses Worth More Than All Other Books!
I now have a proposition, and I submit it to any professor in any school who is paid by taxation, and I submit it to any man who calls himself a Christian and then defends the modernist view of Christianity. Here is the proposition: I will give you three verses from one chapter of one book in the Old Testament that mean

more to man than all the books men ever wrote, and we have all the rest of the Bible besides. Is that strong enough? The modernist who will not come out and fight that, might as well give up. Three verses, and they are in Genesis.

I was speaking in Atlanta recently and a sophomore in a college there came to me and said, "Mr. Bryan, I can reconcile Darwinism and Christianity." I said, "You must have a better mind than Darwin then, for he could not." He replied, "All I have to do is to *discard Genesis*."

What are the three verses? First, "In the beginning, God." I assert that that is the only verse ever written that explains creation in such a way that you can believe it and defend it—the only one. We give the atheist too much latitude; we let him ask all the questions. Why? A five-year-old child can ask questions that no grown person can answer. Why give the atheist the child's task of asking questions? A question that requires for its answer infinite knowledge, cannot be answered by a finite mind.

Why not admit it? If we are to discuss Christianity with an atheist, he cannot ask more than that he and the Christian ask questions about, and if we let him ask the first one, we give him more than he can demand. There is no reason why an atheist should demand the right to ask the first question, but I will concede what he can not claim and let him ask it. What is his first question? There is only one first question. "Where do you begin?" My answer is, "I begin where the Bible begins." "And where does the Bible begin?" "In the beginning"—where else could it begin? "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." We begin with a First Great Cause, all-wise, all-powerful, all-loving. We begin with a cause sufficient for anything that can come thereafter. Start with a God that is Infinite and nothing can be asked you that God's existence cannot explain.

Having answered the atheist's first question, it is now our turn, and I ask our first question of

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Baby Member of Sword Family Begins to Walk

By Ralph E. Mucher,
Field Secretary Sword Staff of Evangelists

Mothers and dads rejoice to see the first steps of their new baby. The Staff of Evangelists is the baby member of the Sword of the Lord Foundation. We are rejoicing in the blessing of God upon this new effort to win men to Christ. There were approximately 1,800 first-time decisions for Christ in the first six months of this year. Considering the fact that some of the men did not start until the middle of February and many pastors are not as yet acquainted with these men, we are truly thankful to God for His manifest blessing upon these men. Some 619 families declared their purpose to establish family altars. We are encouraged and challenged. We give ourselves wholly to this ministry. We ask your intercession in behalf of the evangelists in this fellowship. Pray with us that the Holy Spirit Himself shall empower these men as they seek to be used of God in the doors that are opened. We trust that the Lord shall give you the vision and burden to stand with these men in this great ministry. We count it a privilege to be a member of the Sword of the Lord family and trust you, too, delight in this fellowship.

Joe Rice in September, November and December.

Evangelist Jimmie Threlfall received his B. A. degree from Bob Jones University where he later did graduate work. The Lord has blessed the ministry of Brother Threlfall as the burden of his heart has been to win men to Christ. Brother Threlfall for a number of years was associated with the department of Evangelism of the Fuller Evangelistic Foundation. He joined this staff since the Fuller Foundation closed its evangelistic department. Meetings are already being scheduled for Brother Threlfall for the year 1952.

Evangelist Eddie Wagner, a graduate of Los Angeles Bible Institute who was awarded a scholarship by Dr. Charles E. Fuller of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour, has seen the blessing of God as hundreds have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour under his preaching of the Word. Brother Wagner served for a time as a pastor before entering the field of evangelism. He has conducted large union campaigns and also successful single-church meetings. Pastors where he is privileged to minister have spoken highly of the blessing of God upon his ministry. Return invitations is a proof of this statement. A change of pastors has accounted for some open time for Brother Wagner during the first of September. There is open time in his schedule in December.

Evangelist Covell Keenum joined our staff the first of February and during this period of time there already have been over 400 decisions for Christ. Brother Keenum was widely used in revival campaigns during his pastorate days in Decatur, Alabama during which time he also conducted a radio program and published an evangelistic paper. Brother Keenum has some open time during September and December.

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Evangelist Claude McDonald turned his back on an attractive and promising career in the business world to answer the call of God after his conversion in a fox-hole during World War II. He has been well-trained academically, having received three college degrees. He is a cultured gentleman, sweet-spirited, a godly young man with whom we are proud to be associated in this ministry. His accomplished wife is a great help. He is a great soul winner and a fine preacher. Brother McDonald has some open time from the middle of November until the first of the year.

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Evangelist J. H. Melton reported 261 decisions for Christ during the first six months of the year. Brother Melton has fine training and a Southern Baptist tradition for soul winning. He is an out-and-out believer in the great fundamentals of the faith. He gains the respect of honorable, Bible-believing Christians everywhere he goes. He is an able preacher and works hard as he seeks to lead men to Christ. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary. He is scheduled for a series of meetings in Pennsylvania the latter part of October and early November. We would be pleased to receive invitations for Brother Melton while he is in this area.

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Evangelist Joe B. Rice is another brother of Dr. John R. and Bill Rice. Brother Joe is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and comes with a real passion for the souls of men. He is a warm-hearted preacher and preaches with power against sin with a compassionate heart. There is some open time in the schedule of Brother

Evangelist Douglas Winn has been preaching literally since he was a child. Though only about thirty years old, he is an experienced evangelist with long years of helping pastors and preaching the gospel. He is widely accepted and one of the most fervent soul winners, one of the most fluent young preachers we have ever heard. Evangelist Winn has preached in every state except one and his full schedule week on week, year in and year out, speaks of the blessing of God upon this young man's ministry. There is some open time in December on this man's schedule.

Evangelist Oscar Wells, another proven soul winner, at the present time is filling a pulpit in Oklahoma City a supply pastor.

The evangelists on the Sword Staff stand for the verbal inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Christ, His blood atonement, salvation by faith, New Testament soul winning and the premillennial return of Christ. They oppose modernism, worldliness and formalism. They are not commercial but will be pleased to come to your church asking only their transportation, entertainment on the field, and a love offering. Their ministry is not divisive but they come to strengthen the hands of the pastor in his desire to win men to Christ.

The staff of evangelists has some helpful material to bring to your attention that has been used of the Lord to help the church in its effort to win the lost. Please write Rev. Ralph E. Mucher, Field Secretary, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois, for further information regarding any one of these men.

Will The Circle be Unbroken?

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Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11).

Stephen saw Him there. "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55, 56).

The Apostle Paul, writing of the time when Jesus would come for His own, said: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first" (I Thess. 4:16). The Lord Jesus said He would come for us and take us home with Him, "that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3).

All Christian people will be there. We will see and have fellowship with all the saints of God who have ever lived upon earth. See Heaven's inhabitants summed up in the book of Hebrews. "Ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel" (Heb. 12:22-24).

All little children will be there. I have no patience with the doctrine that would shut out of Heaven a little child who has not reached the age of accountability. If a little child in its innocence cannot go to Heaven, then we are all doomed. We might as well get an asbestos suit right away.

Once in awhile we might meet up with a know-it-all who, as Robert G. Lee so well says, "Walks with presumptuous steps and all the while is unaware of the rattle of the dry bones of his intellectual conceit," who will ask, "Well, are you going to have a nursery in Heaven?" He means by his question that a baby is helpless and will need someone to care for him. If you are going to rule babies out of Heaven because they are helpless, what are you going to do with the thousands of helpless cripples and bedfast saints of God who have trusted Jesus? You say, "They are going to have glorified bodies just like Jesus." Well, can't God give a baby a glorified body like Jesus, too?

Someone else says: But doesn't the Bible say, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God"? Yes, it certainly does, and I believe it with all my heart. But it says, "man"; it didn't say, "baby," nor "infant." When

the Bible speaks of a man in this sense it means one who has reached the place of accountability, one who is responsible for his own decisions.

Then furthermore I know what Jesus taught. "At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:1-4).

Isaiah pictures the little ones as closest to the Father's heart. "O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young" (Isa. 40:9-11).

Some of you fathers and mothers may have a little one who has been called home to Heaven. That little one even now is looking for you to get ready for Heaven, too. Say, will the circle be unbroken, or will there be a baby in Heaven whose daddy and mama failed to get ready?

When Christians Go to Heaven

Let us think about when we shall go to Heaven. Again I turn to the Bible for the answer. It does not fail me, for in it I find the answer to my question. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord" (II Cor. 5:1-8).

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the

Strange Short Stories

By Dr. Walter L. Wilson

ANTS go to picnics



The great King Solomon on two occasions has called our attention to the little ant that we might profit thereby. In Proverbs 6:6 he wrote, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." Later on in the same book he wrote, "The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer" (Prov. 30:25). Since this wise and good King has recommended that we go to school to the ant, let us do so for a while. I am sure it will be delightfully interesting.

Someone has said that, "The ant is the busiest creature in the world but she has time to attend every picnic." Have you not noticed how quickly the ants find the food? Not only do they hunt up every picnic but they seem to seek out every pantry. They like jelly and jam. They rejoice in sugar and syrup and are not easily kept from entering. They are most assiduous and arduous in all their labors. They are diligent and vigilant in seeking out their food. They seem to be tireless in their labors. They "work while 'tis day," and stay home at nights as all good children should do.

I took Solomon's admonition quite seriously one day and so journeyed out to the Park with the family for a picnic, taking along a magnifying glass. After sufficient search, I found a tiny path through the grass which had been made by the ants. Lying down beside the path I waited for Mrs. Ant to appear. You see, all the ants that go to picnics are females. It is a case of "let the women do the work." The male ants remain down in the ground, taking care of the babies and doing the housework. Of course, Solomon never had to do it, he had plenty of help-

flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better" (Phil. 1:21-23).

The Bible then clearly teaches that at death the Christian goes to be with his Lord. Paul said that to be with the Lord is far better than being in this world. He said plainly that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. There is no intermediate state, but immediately upon our release from this body we are ushered into the presence of the Lord Jesus. We do not have to go through purgatory, as some falsely teach, to be purged from any uncleansed, unforgiven sins. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

We do not have to suffer for our debt of sin. Jesus has already paid the full price on Calvary and His payment guarantees our release when we trust Him. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Pet. 2:24).

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit" (I Pet. 3:18).

Jesus paid it all,

All to Him I owe.

Sin had left a crimson stain,

He washed it white as snow.

No, the soul does not sleep until the resurrection. It is the body that sleeps, not the soul. We know from the account of the transfiguration of Jesus that Moses and Elijah were not asleep. I know that Elijah was taken bodily into

such impudence. She respects the rights of others. She admits the propriety of ownership. They disclaim all selfishness. As the ants journeyed home bearing the precious burden, they told so many about their "find" that soon a stream of ants was on the journey, and before long all the piece of bread was stored safely away in their ground homes for the winter. So God's good gospel has spread. One comes to the Bread of Life and feeds to the full then goes on his journey to tell others he meets of the wonderful treasure he has found. By tongue and by pen the news is spread that Christ Jesus is the Bread of Life. So thousands upon thousands have come to Him and others are coming only to find that the half was never told.

Each ant has four pairs of ears (some boys think their aunt has sixteen pairs of ears). There is one pair of ears in the two front legs; another pair in the abdomen; another pair in the thorax and another pair in the head. God has graciously gifted this little insect with unusual hearing ability because it is so small that it cannot see much and therefore cannot avoid danger. God shows His care for ants as well as for elephants. He cares for you, too, no matter how small or weak, or insignificant you may think you are. He cares for every moment of your life, and He wants all of your devotion and trust.

The ants are very diligent and active in the summertime because they know that the winter is coming when there will be no picnics. They dare not venture out when snow and ice are on the ground. They know better than to leave their homes when the temperature is below freezing. They have learned from some source that frozen food cannot be carried nor broken loose from the ground. Where did the ants learn all of these needful things? Did some atheist or infidel somewhere, sometime, establish a school for teaching ants about the future? Will any of these learned gentlemen kindly step forward and tell us how the ant became so wise? Perhaps, when the ant and the elephant and the alligator and the dog all parted company from the original protoplasm, they divided up among themselves the different ways of living and were self-instructed. Who knows? Let us gather together some of the professors from some of our great universities and have them expound this mystery. "God hath made foolish the wisdom of this world." All the law makers, the joke makers, the sports writers, the money makers, together with all the teachers and professors, with all the politicians and unbelieving preachers in the country put together could neither give life to a dead ant nor teach a live ant how to live. We have a living God on the Throne who knows all about it. He Can do it, and He Does it.

Moses was commended of God because he believed in future judgment and prepared for it. He knew that the avenging angel would pass through the land at midnight and would destroy all the firstborn who were not under the blood. He knew that even his own house would not be exempt. As great as he was, and as good as he was, he knew that his house must be protected by the blood. He obeyed God, he shed the blood of the lamb, he applied the blood over the door and his house was saved. Noah, too, was commended because he believed that there was coming judgment and wrath and prepared for it. He did as the ants do. He prepared for trouble ahead. He built an ark. He obeyed God's Word and entered in as he was instructed. He had learned the lesson which the ants teach. Life insurance prepares for future death. Storm cellars prepare for future cyclones. Coal is bought in the summer for the cold that is coming in the winter. Christ Jesus is a refuge for the coming storm of God's wrath. Let me urge each reader to be wise like the ant. Prepare now for the storm that is coming after a while.

(The above is one of thirty-three chapters in the book, STRANGE SHORT STORIES BY THE DOCTOR, 123 pages, paper bound, which may be purchased for 75c from Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois.)

Dr. Bob Jones Says:

Just recently we carried a story about one of our preacher boys from Indiana whose name was James Shoemaker. James, as you will remember, was killed in an automobile wreck. He was doing the work that we require of our preacher boys in the summer if they are to come back in the fall. James had made out his report for the week and had mailed this report, and two hours later he was killed in the wreck. In the letter in which James enclosed his report, he sent \$20 for the Student Loan Endowment Fund. We were greatly moved by James' report, his letter, and the contribution he made just before he went to be with the Lord.

I have just had a letter from an old friend in Alabama enclosing a check for \$200 for the Student Loan Endowment Fund. This is what my friend says:

"One cannot read the article on the front page of the FELLOWSHIP NEWS about the death of the two preacher boys, especially the one who in his last report enclosed the \$20, without being touched. I am

sending this check to join Jim Shoemaker's \$20 in your wonderful Student Loan Endowment Fund. Again, I extend my best wishes to you and your faculty of the fine University which is doing such fine work in giving to this troubled world these fine young people to go out and carry on the Lord's great work."

After reading this letter, I wondered how many more friends there might be over the country who might like to send in a contribution to add to the \$20 which Jim Shoemaker sent. If you would like to do that, send in some amount and write: "This is to be added to the \$20 that Jim Shoemaker sent." We appreciate all that you friends have done for us, but remember that we are four hundred fifty thousand dollars short of the goal. One woman has promised to give the last fifty thousand; so we need four hundred thousand more before we get that last fifty thousand. Please help us all you can.

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Heaven, but of Moses the Bible clearly states: "So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor; but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day" (Deut. 34:5,6).

Now let us read the account of the transfiguration in Matthew: "And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun and his raiment was white as the light. And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him" (Matt. 17:1-3).

So Moses, in spite of the fact that his body had been buried in the land of Moab hundreds of years before, was very much awake and talked with Jesus that day on the Mount and the three disciples heard him.

Lazarus, the poor beggar who had angels for pallbearers, was very much awake, as was also Abraham in chapter 16 of Luke.

The Christians who have gone to Heaven are conscious now. Let us look at some Scripture, the words of Jesus:

"I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repented, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance... Likewise, I say unto you there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repented"

"(Luke 15:7, 10). The angels may rejoice when souls are saved, but the Bible doesn't say so.

It does say there is rejoicing "in the presence of the angels." Who would be in a better position to re-

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joice than the Christians who have gone to Heaven, who know what it means to be saved from sin? Yes, their glad cries fill Heaven's courts when souls are saved.

The Bible also teaches that they are eagerly watching us as we live and toil here below. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). I have a dear mother in Heaven who I know is watching me as I run in the race of life. I know she rejoices and claps her hands when souls are won under my preaching.

I don't know when the end of my race upon earth will come. I'd live longer if I could rest my tired body and nerves more, but I'd rather live ten years less and amount to something for God and win souls than to dabble around like some Christians and die and have nothing to show for my life. I'd rather a thousand times wear out than to rust out. I know this, as soon as I die it will mean a release from the bondage of the flesh and a glorious entrance into the presence of my blessed Saviour. If the Lord takes me before my wife and children I am going to be there to greet her when she comes and we will spend a honeymoon in Heaven. We couldn't afford one down here. Then she and I are going to be on hand to greet our children when they come. We are going to have an unbroken family circle in Heaven. God has promised it to me. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31). Praise the Lord for household salvation! You men can have the same blessed promise if you will believe and really mean business. No father need ever have any children in Hell. You can have an unbroken family circle in Heaven; God has promised it.

Christians Know Each Other in Heaven

Let us think of the glorious reality of knowing one another in Heaven and being together eternally. We certainly will not have less knowledge in Heaven than we have here. I believe we will have perfect knowledge in Heaven. I base my belief on God's Word. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (I Cor. 13:12).

The disciples recognized Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration. There is no account of an introduction. The rich man in Hell looked across the gulf and recognized Abraham and Lazarus in his bosom. He believed he would know his five brothers if they came to Hell. Death does not take away personality. We will know one another in Heaven. I intend to have a good time with my family and friends in Heaven.

I don't get to be with my family much in this world. I am constantly on the go, living in hotel rooms and out of a suitcase. Heaven is particularly inviting to us evangelists because it will give us a chance to enjoy our families. One of the joys of Heaven will be the fact that we will know one another there. There are many of God's dear servants I have not met in this world, but I will meet them over yonder. I will have time and opportunity to really get acquainted with dear John Rice, who has meant so much to me and has had such a tremendous influence on my ministry here.

The fact that we will know one another makes me all the more determined to see to it that my whole family will go to Heaven. I don't intend to let any of my flesh and blood go to Hell. Say, why don't you see to it that your family circle is unbroken?

What Kind of Place Is Heaven?

Let us think of the kind of place Heaven is.

It is a prepared place, Jesus said: "I go to prepare a place for

you" (John 14:2).

John gives a beautiful picture of Heaven in the twenty-first chapter of Revelation. The grasses, trees and flowers of Heaven are breathtaking in beauty; they will never fade in Heaven. The streets of Heaven are paved with pure gold "as it were transparent glass." The buildings are of the most costly everlasting marble; its gates are of pearl; its government is in the hands of the Prince of Peace. It is a perfect place, no flaws nor mistakes there. Nothing in Heaven but fulness of joy and complete happiness. "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Rev. 21:4).

None of the things of sin nor the results of sin will be in Heaven. There will be no hospitals, no undertaking parlors, no doctors' offices. No cemeteries will ever blotch the beauty of that wonderful land. There will be no jails, no lawyers' offices, no courts of law. There will be no orphanages, no old folks' homes and no drug stores. There will be no trouble in Heaven. Biederwolf well says: "The first thing you do when you are born is to cry, and the last thing you do when you die is to groan."

The society in Heaven will be a select one. This old world wouldn't be such a bad place if it weren't for the people we have to tolerate. Here we have to put up with the backbiters, the gossips and the meddlers in other people's business. In Heaven there will be none of that. Here we have to tolerate the sneering skeptic and the good-for-nothing infidel; in Heaven we won't have to. Here we have to put up with booze drinkers and the dirty gang who sell the rotten stuff; in Heaven we won't. The smell of whisky and beer will never taint its pure air. There won't be any smoke or dirty amber on the streets of gold. Here there are dirty cheats, gamblers and liars; they won't be in Heaven.

"The fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Rev. 21:27).

We will never say good-by in Heaven. There will be no disappointment there.

There's no disappointment in Heaven,

No weariness, sorrow or pain;

No hearts that are bleeding and broken,

No song with a minor refrain;

The clouds of our earthly horizon

Will never appear in the sky,

For all will be sunshine and gladness,

With never a sob nor a sigh.

We'll never pay rent for our mansion,

The taxes will never come due;

Our garments will never grow threadbare,

But always be fadeless and new;

We'll never be hungry nor thirsty,

Nor languish in poverty there,

For all the rich bounties of Heaven

His sanctified children will share.

There'll never be crepe on the doorknob,

No funeral train in the sky;

No graves on the hillsides of glory,

For there we shall nevermore die;

The old will be young there forever,

Transformed in a moment of time;

Immortal we'll stand in His likeness,

The stars and the sun to outshine.

I'm bound for that beautiful city

My Lord has prepared for His own;

Where all the redeemed of all ages

Sing "glory" around the white throne;

Invest in Eternal Values

By Editor John R. Rice

The Sword of the Lord Foundation desires to borrow money from Christians only for the financing of our great and expanded work. We will pay four per cent interest, payable semi-annually. The large and increasing work of the Sword of the Lord Foundation, in publishing *The Sword of the Lord*, in publishing the finest in Christian books, in giving free literature around the world to millions of people in several languages, in running conferences on evangelism to inspire Christian workers and help bring about revival—all these things demand more capital than we have been able to accumulate in the business, and by the assets which Mrs. Rice and I had collected and turned over to the business when it was incorporated as of January 1, 1947.

For example, in our building we have now at manufacturing cost over \$100,000 worth of the finest Christian books. These include, of course, my own books, and books of Dr. Bob Jones, Dr. Robert G. Lee, Dr. John Linton, Dr. Joe Henry Hankins, and others. Their retail value is far above this figure. But it takes a great deal of advertising and promotion to sell these books to bookstores and to individuals. We do not have the money for advertising and promotion.

There is an urgent need right now to reprint Dr. Bob Jones' *Revival Sermons*, to reprint Dr. W. B. Riley's book, *The Preacher and His Preaching*. Two new books are now in process of manufacture, a book of revival sermons by Evangelist Douglas Winn, and a great book, *Eternal Retribution*, by the famous Methodist preacher of a generation ago, Rev. Elbert Munsey. We have also accepted a splendid book of heart-moving sermons on the second coming of Christ by Dr. Lee Roberson of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and are ready to print it.

My own book, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*, has had 120,000 copies printed. Of the last printing of 20,000 copies, 10,000 copies are yet to be bound. We must pay for that binding and it will take several thousand dollars. And we need those books within a month or two.

We need to buy office machines which will cost \$2,300, but which will save money and enlarge the work.

In other words, we need \$25,000 or \$30,000 very soon for this great work which is expanding rapidly, and being so wonderfully blessed of God.

The business is very carefully managed. God is blessing tremendously. We believe that no Christian publishing house in the world receives so many reports of people saved through its printed ministry as the Sword of the Lord Foundation. We do not know of any Christian publication in the world being so used of God in the blessing of ministers and the bringing of revival fires as THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

We want loans only from Christian people. We want the money to have God's blessing upon it. And we want it accompanied with prayer. One who lends money to the Sword of the Lord Foundation will have several benefits. First, he gets a good interest rate on his money. Second, we believe the investment is safer than most. No one has ever lost a dollar by lending to the Sword of the Lord. We believe no one ever will. Third, one may have his money working to get out the gospel and to honor the Lord Jesus. Thus, one's money can be used to lay up treasure in Heaven.

If you have money which you want to be used carefully by this non-profit Christian organization in getting out the gospel, and wish at the same time to receive four per cent interest on your capital, payable semi-annually, please write Dr. John R. Rice, president Sword of the Lord Foundation, Wheaton, Illinois.

Sometimes I grow homesick for Heaven,

And the glories I there shall behold;

What a joy that will be when my Saviour I see,

In that beautiful city of gold!

Can One Be Sure He Will Go to Heaven?

Let us think about going to Heaven and knowing it.

Yes, we certainly can know that we are going to Heaven. I believe every Christian will know that he is going to Heaven. "It is not presumptuous for you to say that you know you are a Christian. It is a lack of faith to say anything less"—J. Wilbur Chapman.

I know I am going to Heaven because I believe the Bible. Read and heed very carefully the following Scriptures:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 3:17).

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And who-

heaven" (Luke 10:20).

I have been sealed by God's Holy Spirit. "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest [or the witness] of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession unto the praise of his glory" (Eph. 1:11-14).

I am kept by the power of God and have a glorious inheritance which shall never pass away. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Pet. 1:3-5).

All of these Scriptures agree that I can know that I am saved and give me the blessed assurance that I shall go to Heaven when this life in this world is over. Glory to God for the wonderful salvation which He has provided through the Lord Jesus Christ!

Voices Calling Us to Heaven

Let us think of the voices beseeching each of us to come to Heaven.

God the Father wants everyone to come to Heaven. He doesn't want anyone to be lost. Every person who goes to Hell goes against the Father's will.

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9).

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (I Tim. 2:3, 4).

"Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die..." (Ezek. 33:11).

God the Father is beseeching you to turn from sin and come to Heaven.

The Lord Jesus with nail-pierced hands, spike-riven feet, spear-wounded side and thorn-crowned brow, is calling you. Can't you hear the drip, drip, drip of the blood shed for you? Every drop of His shed blood is calling for you to turn from sin to the Saviour and get ready for Heaven. Hear Him as He speaks to His disciples in the upper room: "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:28).

Hear Him on the cross as He speaks to the dying thief: "Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).

Hear Him on the cross as He prays to the Father: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

He has provided a righteousness for us. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21).

He saved us from the curse of a broken law. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (Gal. 3:13).

Jesus is calling for every lost sinner to turn from sin and trust Him and get ready for Heaven.

The Holy Spirit is calling you. "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye buy and milk without money and without price" (Isa. 55:1). "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that

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heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17).

Those loved ones of yours who have gone on to Heaven are calling to you to come. Perhaps a praying mother, a godly father, a husband or wife or perhaps a little babe is waiting and calling to you. Maybe you have been bitter and rebellious in your heart toward God because of the death of your baby. You ask, Why did God take my baby? It may have been because God knew that was the only way He could reach your hard and indifferent heart. It may have been because God knew that if the baby grew up in your home it would never hear the name of God except in vain, it would never get to go to church nor hear the plan of salvation, and die and go to Hell. There are worse things than having a baby in Heaven. No matter why the baby was taken from you, it sure won't help matters for you to be bitter about it. If you want to see that baby again you must get ready for Heaven.

The little boy conceived in sin and born to David and Bathsheba was taken sick and died. While the baby was sick, David refused to eat or drink, wash or change clothes, but lay on the ground before the Lord. When the baby died, the servants were afraid to tell David because they were afraid of what would happen. David heard them whispering and asked them plainly, "Is the child dead?" When they told him the truth, he got up, washed, changed his clothes, went to the house of the Lord and worshipped, went home and ate a good meal. The servants could not understand his actions and finally asked him about it. David's answer is a heart-moving lesson to every father and mother who have lost a baby:

"While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (II Sam. 12:22, 23).

That baby of yours even now is reaching its baby hands through the blue beckoning, beseeching you to get ready for Heaven.

I am beseeching, pleading with all my heart for you to be saved, to get ready for Heaven. There is no sense in going on in sin and dying and being forever lost when you can be saved. Come now, accept Jesus; now, even as you read these lines. And I will meet you in Heaven. God bless you.

How to Get Ready for Heaven

Let us think finally of how to get ready for Heaven.

The very first step is to be born into God's family. By accepting the Lord Jesus as Saviour you receive the power to become a child of God. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

Step out on the promise of God and get the whole family saved. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

The man to whom these words were spoken took God at His word and got his whole family saved that same night. You trust the Lord as the head of the house and you have a perfect scriptural right to expect the salvation of the whole family. This is no new doctrine, it is also taught in the Old Testament. God said of Abraham: "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him" (Gen. 18:19). Abraham's whole family followed in his steps and went to Heaven.

Abraham supposed Lot had claimed the same promise for his family and so stopped at the number ten in his plea for the sparing of Sodom, but the sad truth was that "Lot... seemed as

one that mocked unto his sons in law" (Gen. 19:14).

Lot was like a good many Christians today, too fully occupied with the affairs of this world to claim God's promise.

Joshua was determined and saw to it that his family served the Lord. He put the fathers of Israel on the spot; he told them to make up their minds who they were going to serve and then made his own stand clear. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15).

Let your light shine for God in this world, have something to show that you have lived besides a marble slab with your name and the dates of your birth and death on it in a neglected cemetery somewhere. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

In so doing you will be able to lay up some treasure in Heaven. Jesus said: "Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:19-21). There has never been a bank failure in Heaven.

Start a family altar in your home now. If you men really mean business you can have an unbroken family circle in Heaven. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

This is not idle patter but God's blessed promise which you as a Christian father have every right to claim. It does not mean that if you train the child right, he may go astray but later he will come back. No, no! If you train him right, no matter how old he gets he will not depart from it, is the meaning. Take the Bible for what it says, not for what you would like for it to say as an excuse for your sinful neglect!

Timothy grew up to be a fine Christian and went out to preach as a result of the training he received as a child. Paul wrote to him as a young preacher and reminded him of his early training: "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 3:14-15).

I tell you the truth, I believe if there is a place in Hell hotter than any other part it is reserved for those men who refuse to straighten up their accounts with God and lead their own flesh and blood to the Saviour. It is a terrible, wicked thing to bring a little child into this world and then by a sinful, wicked example, send that soul into a lost eternity. How horrible the judgment for such sin!

Do the right thing, get right with God yourself and do your dead-level best to get others saved. Have a complete family in Heaven. This is the only way to be ready for Heaven.

A father had a son, who had been sick some time, but he did not consider him dangerously ill; until one day he came home to dinner and found his wife weeping, and he asked, "What is the trouble?"

"There has been a great change in our boy since morning," the mother said, "and I am afraid he is dying; I wish you to go in and see him, and, if you think he is I wish you to tell him so, for I cannot bear to."

The father went in and sat down by the bedside, and he placed his hand upon his forehead, and he could feel the cold, damp sweat of death, and knew its cold, icy hand was feeling for the cords of life, and that his boy was soon to be taken away, and he said to him:

"My son, do you know you are dying?"

The little fellow looked up at

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THE SWORD BOOK CLUB

By Editor John R. Rice

Millions of American people have found that the book club plan is the best way to buy books. It saves money, it informs one about new books, it allows automatic shipment of books a member wants, without the trouble of ordering. It allows for payment after books are received. The increased quantity which a book club makes possible allows the publisher to give special bargains.

Why do not Christian people take advantage of this money saving, enlightened, up-to-date plan in buying books?

The Saviour said, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). Perhaps this is the reason. Surely it is sinful for Christians not to pay as much attention to the finest Christian books as worldly people pay to getting the newest lewd novels and other books popular for a day but without any eternal impact on the soul for good and God.

Here at the Sword of the Lord we know the eternal good that can be accomplished with good books. Hence we have organized the Sword Book Club. There are now about 3,000 members. Letters from these thousands of book club members indicate that they are richly blessed by the choicest Christian books received through the book club.

We believe that almost any Christian could buy and ought to buy and read at least four good Christian books a year. That is all one obligates himself to buy when he joins the Sword Book Club. And surely it is much better to buy books carefully selected by a group of great Christian leaders

him and said: "No; am I? Is this death that I feel stealing over me, Father?"

"Yes, my son, you are dying."

"Will I live the day out?"

"No, you may die at any moment."

He looked up to his father, and he said: "Well, I shall be with Jesus tonight, won't I, Father?"

And the father answered: "Yes, my boy, you will spend tonight with the Saviour," and the father turned away to conceal the tears, that the little boy might not see him weep; but he saw the tears, and he said: "Father, don't you weep for me; when I get to Heaven I will go straight to Jesus and tell Him that ever since I can remember you have tried to lead me to Him."

If your boy were dying, could he look up into his daddy's face and say that? Would you meet him in Heaven?

You may be the only unsaved member in the family. Won't you make it one hundred per cent Christian by trusting Jesus now? There may be no Christians in your family; won't you start the whole family toward God by accepting Jesus now? You may be one of several in your family who are not saved; won't you make it one more for God and help win the others by accepting Jesus now? What will you do about having an unbroken family circle in Heaven? Heed carefully the words of the songwriter, and make your peace with God.

Will the Circle be Unbroken?

There are loved ones in the glory,

Whose dear forms you often miss;

When you close your earthly story,

Will you join them in their bliss?

You can picture happy gath'ring

Round the fireside long ago,

And you think of tearful partings,

When they left you here below.

One by one their seats were emp-tied,

One by one they went away,

Now the family is parted,

Will it be complete one day?

Will the circle be unbroken

By and by, by and by?

In a better home awaiting,

In the sky, in the sky?

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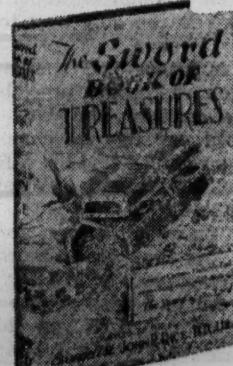
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milk in the cocoanut, milk in the milkweed. But suppose a scientist tells me that because there is milk in the milkweed, milk in a cow, and milk in the cocoanut, therefore the cocoanut and the cow must have come from the milkweed, I dispute his conclusion.

And so all their resemblances mean nothing. There is a gulf between man and any animal—a wider gulf than can be found between any two animals. Until they can bridge the gulf between two animals much alike, such, for instance, as the cat and dog, they should not tell us that man and the monkey came from the same ancestry. Man has mind and man has soul; and yet Darwin tries to trace man up from the animal—every evolutionist does, although many of them will not trace themselves along Darwin's line. They cannot prove it.

Why do we object? Because when a man thinks he is a descendant of a brute, he looks downward to the brute for interpretations of himself; when he believes he was made by the Almighty in the image of God and for a purpose, he looks upward for his inspiration. Man is weak enough when he looks upward; we must not drag him down to a brute level.

VI. The Harmful Effects of Evolution Doctrine

Now I will show you the harmful effect of the doctrine—that is the main reason for opposing it. Darwin started in life a Christian; his father wanted him to be a minister. Before he turned to scientific lines, he believed in God and the Bible. You will find in his *Life and Letters* a letter written just before he died; he says, "I am an old man and in feeble health." In that letter he says that when he went south on the Beadle he was laughed at by some of the officers and called orthodox because he quoted the Bible as an unanswerable authority on a question of morals; but at the time he wrote the letter, he said, "I believe there never has been any revelation." That discarded the Bible as the Word of God and, with it, Christ as Son of God. He said that when he wrote the *Origin of Species* the thought of a First Great Cause was strong in his mind; he says it was *after* that that it weakened slowly and with many fluctuations. He concluded, "I must be content to remain an agnostic, the beginning of all things is a mystery insoluble by us." That is Darwin; he gave up his belief in God and became agnostic; he gave up his belief in the revelation of God's will and discarded it in order to keep his hypothesis. That is what Darwin did, and I challenge any preacher who believes in evolution to tell the story of Darwin's life and then say to his congregation that he can harmonize Darwinism and Christianity. It cannot be done; Darwin could not do it. Following his evolutionary hypothesis, he gave up God, the Bible and Christ.

I have spoken to you about Leuba. He sent questions to the scientists and on their answers he declares that over half of them tell him that they do not believe in a personal God or personal immortality. Then he selected nine representative colleges and universities and sent questions to the students. On their answers, he declares that fifteen per cent of the freshmen only had discarded Christianity; but that thirty per cent of the juniors had done so, and that, when they came to graduate forty to forty-five per cent of the men had discarded the cardinal principles of the Christian faith. His explanation of increasing unbelief was "the influence of the cultured men" under whose instruction they passed. That is what is going on in our colleges.

One of our religious papers reported the other day a survey of a great university; it showed that sixty-two per cent of the men drank, fifty per cent gambled, and only ten per cent went to church. Another college president said that college boys do not pray now, that if you asked about a personal God, they would not know what it

meant. And we find these people teaching in our universities, we find them even in our theological seminaries. They are undermining the faith of the students. A survey of one university showed that only twenty-five per cent of the boys and girls who went from Christian homes to that university went back to take up work in their churches and Sunday Schools. We cannot afford to turn over our children to be educated, and have their hearts robbed of their faith and spiritual life. You cannot put enough in the brain of a man to overcome the harm you do him if you take faith out of his heart. And that is what they are doing.

VII. Modernism, A Denial of Christ and Christianity

I desire now to speak of the church. We have this controversy in all our churches. We have it in the Presbyterian Church. The other day they had one hundred and fifty Presbyterian preachers who signed a statement, protesting against what the Assembly did. Remember this Assembly voted on roll call (they called the roll, I think, the first time since 1906) and by a majority of eighty substituted a minority report with only one person signing it for a majority report signed by twenty-one. They had packed the committee in order to bring in a resolution favorable to Dr. Fosdick, but there was one man on there whom they could not keep off, and he brought in a minority report. A majority of the ministers voted for the minority report and a majority of all the laymen voted for it, but if there was a prominent official of the Presbyterian Church who voted for it, I do not know who it was. We had the whole organization against us; and now we have a protest led by the men who were talking about harmony—ever since they were defeated on that roll call, they have done nothing but disturb the harmony of the church. But not one of these men stated in this protest what *he himself believed*; these protesting ministers who profess to believe in the doctrines of the church say that they are not material. They act as the body guard, rear guard and front guard, for those who discard the Bible. We have a right to judge them by their acts rather than by their words.

When a man tells me that he believes in the Virgin Birth, the resurrection of Christ and His atonement, and then adds, "But I can fellowship with those who do not," I tell him I do not believe he believes what he professes to believe, for a man who believes the doctrines of the church cannot count as a Christian brother a man who does not believe in these things.

The Virgin Birth is the doctrine that is most disputed; it is the test question more than any other. I have men tell me, "Why, I believe in the Virgin Birth of Christ, myself, but I do not think it is necessary that one should believe in it, and I do not object to extending fellowship to those who do not believe in it." I say, "Your actions speak louder than your words." What is the difference between God and man? It is infinite. What is the difference between the Son of God and the son of a man? It is infinite. Any man who believes that Christ was the Son of God, that He was with the Father before He came down to earth to save men from their sins, that He was God incarnate in the flesh, that by His blood we are saved, and that when He had finished His work on earth and had offered His life in atonement for the sin of the world, He broke the bonds of the tomb, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now sits beside the Father—a man who thus believes cannot acknowledge as a fellow-Christian one who believes that Jesus was the son of Joseph, without any divine mission and still in the grave.

If you want to know what modernism would do for the church, you do not have to look forward—look backward. Do you remember what the Bible says of the disciples when Christ was crucified? They

did not understand that Christ had tried so hard to explain to them, viz., that He would rise from the dead; therefore, when He was put into the grave, their dream was ended, their hopes were shattered and they were about to go back to the occupations from which He called them. Then something happened—what? *He rose from the dead*; that one fact changed this feeble group into a group of martyrs; His timid followers (one of these denied Christ three times as He was on His way to the trial) were ready to die for the faith, and most of them did die for it, but they laid the foundation of the Christian Church. What is going to be the result if the church gives up the doctrines that made the church possible? We would have had no church if Christ had not risen from the dead; and we will not have His church long if we put Him back in the tomb, roll the stone before the door and say, "He was just a man."

VIII. Christians Demand Simple Honesty and Fair Play

Now, what is our plan? It is to take the mask off. When we admit people into the church, we have a right to see their faces and know their hearts. They cannot sit beside us cloaked and hidden and claim to be our brethren. These men who signed this protest, after refusing to tell us what they themselves believe, find fault with all we believe. There can be no unity and harmony between those who discard Christ and those who worship Him as their crucified and risen Lord.

And so in the schools. They misrepresent our position. We do not deny anyone the right to think as he pleases; we believe in freedom of conscience. We do not deny to any man freedom of speech. I will go as far as anyone on defending freedom of conscience and freedom of speech. If anyone wants to reject God, let him do it. If he wants to reject the Bible, let him do it. If he wants to reject Christ, let him do it. We will leave God and the Saviour to take care of themselves against those who deny them; we will invoke no law to punish them. But we insist that in this country the atheist and the agnostic have no higher rights than the Christian. When the Christians want to teach Christianity, they do not do it in the public schools and state universities; they do it in Christian colleges that they have built with their own money and support out of their own pockets. As long as the Christians must build their own colleges in which to teach Christianity, then, my friends, the atheists must build their own colleges in which to teach atheism. The country spent its money to educate them, but their hearts went wrong, and their hearts took their brains with them. Brains that were trained for the good of the country were turned to the plunder of society and there is no hope unless we can get back to a religion that makes men believe in God and a future life and gives them a sense of responsibility. The world needs Christ.

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country. I might speak especially of the violation of the Eighteenth Amendment, but I am speaking of wrong doing in general. I saw a statement the other day showing that burglars stole sixty-five million dollars last year in this country; it stated how much the pickpockets got, how much the train bandits got, and how much the bank robbers got. After describing the sums that these ordinary criminals got, it said the swindlers stole two billions—and they were all educated. A man may pick a pocket without education, but he cannot swindle on a large scale without being educated. There are seven thousand college men in our prisons; how much good has education done them? The country spent its money to educate them, but their hearts went wrong, and their hearts took their brains with them. Brains that were trained for the good of the country were turned to the plunder of society and there is no hope unless we can get back to a religion that makes men believe in God and a future life and gives them a sense of responsibility. The world needs Christ.

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Have you ever thought how many opportunities to accept Christ you have trodden under foot in your lifetime? God's opportunity is now, "Now is the accepted time." He has no other. It only takes one short minute of time to make one of God's "nows" of opportunity. So you have sixty nows every hour of your life. That means a thousand for the waking hours of each day. That means hundreds of thousands for every year of your life, and many millions are your span of earthly existence is ended. Opportunity, with her millions of nows, will be against you in that last great assembly! I fancy I hear her voice on the witness stand. "A thousand times a day I came to him. I was with him in the tender hours and influences of youth. I came to him in the pleadings of his sainted mother. I drew near him in the hours of bereavement and sorrow. I spoke to him in the tender solicitations of devoted friends. I touched him in the prayers and pleadings of his dearest ones. I sounded the warning hundreds of times from the pulpit. I whispered to him in the night-watches as he lay in the silence of his own thoughts and the convictions of his own accusing conscience. Yet for all these years has he unceasingly trodden me under foot."

Unsaved friend, there are souls in the awful place of the lost who would give a million worlds for just one more of the precious nows you are treading under foot. And when you see these trampled nows in the light of eternity you too will weep with unspeakable agony in the realization that not one of them will ever return.

You Are Hardening Your Heart

I remember a man in my childhood who was the object of our boyish hero-worship. He was the finest shot in the community. A splendid specimen of physical manhood he towered head and shoulders above his fellows, and was known and admired in the entire neighborhood. But he was not a Christian. One night he sat in a meeting where the power of the Spirit of God was consciously and graciously present. He was approached by loving friends and implored to make his decision for Christ. There was every evidence that he was deeply moved and convicted by the message and the atmosphere of the hour. But he steadfastly refused to make any decision and at last arose and left the meeting. Years afterward while walking the street he was stricken with dread apoplexy, staggered, fell to his knees and thence prone to the pavement in the agonies of sudden death, still an unsaved man. Back of the tragedy of it all was this sobering fact. Before his death he had told some one that never since the memorable night in the meeting when he had decided against Christ had he ever had the slightest inclination or conviction toward accepting Him as the Saviour of his soul. He had neglected too long, and he bore to the hour of his death a heart which had grown utterly hardened to all the appeals of the Spirit of God.

Continuous resistance to the gospel of Christ steadily hardens the heart against it. Whether the appeal is to the conscience, the emotions, or the judgment the result is the same. The voice of appeal becomes like the voice of one that mocks. The heart-strings once responsive to every tender touch are now like loosened bow-strings. The soul once soft and plastic as wax is now like case-hardened steel. The will, which moves promptly and decisively in the trivial affairs of life, is bound with fetters of iron to the rock of procrastination in this eternal matter. Delay becomes a disease. Once it was only functional; now it is organic and malignant. There is only one remedy. It is to break the hardened heart-crust by a definite acceptance of Jesus Christ, whose blood alone can make atonement for the soul and bring peace to the heart, and whose

resurrection life alone can fill your life with the precious fruitage of the Spirit, and with power to love, to suffer, and to serve.

You Are Drifting Away From Christ

I sat one day by the faraway shores of the Great Lakes listening to a tragic story from the lips of a white-haired fisherman. Years before, he said, when the village was but a hamlet the mail was carried from the distant shore of the bay to the fishing village by an Indian and his son-in-law. One bitter day in mid-winter they set out from the south shore for the long trip across the great lake. All day they travelled on the ice, skirting the frozen shore of the bay. As night came on they pitched their tent and went ashore for fire-wood. Gathering what they needed they started back from the mainland toward camp. Just as they stepped upon the ice it broke loose from its moorings and began to drift out from the shore. The boy, quick-witted and alert, immediately dropped his bundle of wood and leaped ashore across the crevice in the ice. The father-in-law hesitated for a moment and in that moment the gap widened too much to overleap. He paused in hesitation and uncertainty, for the waters were black and forbidding in their deadly chill. The boy shouted to the older man to leap in and swim to shore, as that was his only chance for life. But the man still delayed. Then the lad began to cry out in earnest entreaty for the father-in-law to leap, as it was his only chance to be saved from a dreadful death. But the older man seemed paralyzed with fear and indecision. He began to call out farewell messages for his wife and children across the watery waste now rapidly widening as the wind kept drifting the great ice-floe out into the darkness. The last the boy saw of him he was standing with outstretched hands drifting to death in the bitter cold and darkness of the night. He was never heard from again. He perished a victim of deadly indecision.

"Heaven lies above us in our infancy," says the poet. And it surely does. It seems as though we could pluck down its near-by stars with our childish hands; toy with its silvery moon; play hide-and-seek in its fleecy clouds. But that is not true today for you who have neglected. Now it has receded like a faraway land till you no longer hear its music, dream its dreams, or see its angel faces in your childish visions. In those sweet days of childhood Christ seemed as close to you as the other side of the tiny pond in which you gathered the white and yellow lilies. Now He seems as distant as the unseen shore of a vast ocean so far and so steadily have you drifted from Him with the swift flight of passing years. Is your heart conscious of this awful sense of aloofness from Christ? Do you seem to yourself to have drifted out into a weary waste of distance, darkness, and death? Then remember the lonely figure drifting to his fate on the great ice-floe. Remember too that the one thing which would have saved him will save you. That one thing is decision to no longer neglect this so great salvation.

There Will Come a Time When It Will be Too Late

A lady who was one of the survivors of the Titanic disaster drew a graphic picture of the end of that awful tragedy. As the great ship reared herself in the air, about to take her last plunge into the deep, scores of dark figures could be seen falling from her decks into the icy waters. For a few terrible moments after she had taken her plunge a wail of despair rose from the lips of these drowning men and women. One by one the cries ceased until at last there was but one voice heard calling in the night over the watery waste. It was the voice of a man. In unspeakable agony of soul he was crying out "My God; my God!" Fainter and fainter grew this last wailing cry of a departing soul, and then too that ceased,

and all was still as death. Often have I tried to picture what must have gone through the mind of that last man struggling in the darkness against a certain doom. Perhaps the sweet sound of the village church bell floated to him in the darkness, and he realized the many moments he had let the gospel call pass by unheeded. Perhaps the tremulous voice of a mother's prayer, as he bowed a thoughtless boy at her knees, now rose up from the depths of memory and he saw what God had meant him to be in all his wasted life. Perhaps in the blackness of that awful night he felt again the loving touch of his boyhood's dearest friend upon his shoulder, as a voice said "My boy why don't you decide for Christ?" Perhaps some old scripture text he had scoffed at and spurned seemed blazoned across the starlit sky above him—"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" But now it was too late. The icy waters were claiming their awful toll. In a moment the end had come.

Every man is drifting swiftly toward that inevitable moment when the curtain of life drops; when the drama ends; when the scene shifts from the follies of time to the tremendous realities of eternity. When that last crisis-

moment comes it may be too late to get right with the God with whom you have trifled all these passing years. When the wild crash comes in the railroad collision, and you are pinned fast under the grinding, crushing wreckage—it is too late. When the great ship is staggering and reeling from the deadly wound in her side, and is settling down in the sea for her last awful plunge into the abyss of an ocean grave—it is too late. When the last agonizing pang is shooting like a knife through your heart, and you catch your breath, throw up your hands, gasp, and fall—it is too late. When the steel fetters of paralysis bind you hand and foot, and all your dazed, clouded brain can grasp is the low sobs of loved ones who gather about your bed in the agony of parting—it is too late.

Then some white-faced mother will bow in the silent chamber of death over your motionless form and moan "O God, is my boy safe?" Or a broken-hearted wife will steal in, and stand alone by your side, and looking down into your face will cry out in agony, "O God, is it well with my husband?" Or a silver-haired father will sob out his agony of doubt as he cries aloud like one of old, "My son, my son; would God I had died for thee, O my son!" And

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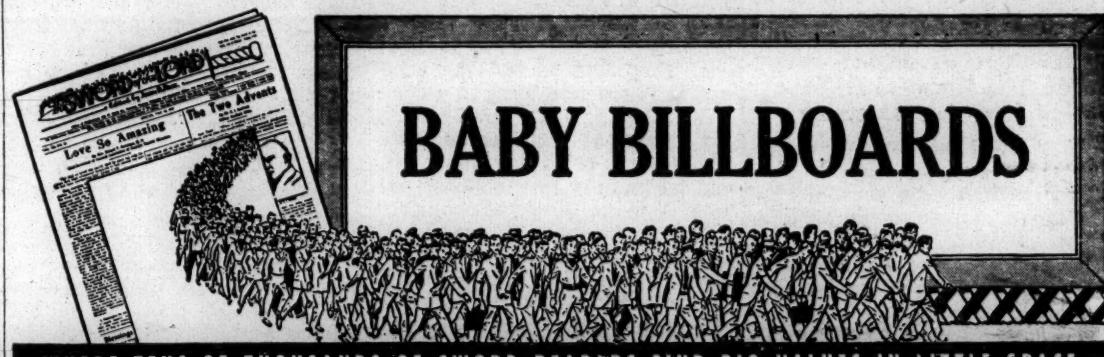
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